

FCCLA STAR Event—Interior Design Competition Guidelines

From the NKBA Kitchen & Bath Planning Guidelines

NKBA KITCHEN PLANNING GUIDELINE 8

Traffic Clearance at Seating

Recommended:

In a seating area where no traffic passes behind a seated diner, allow 32" of clearance from the counter/table edge to any wall or other obstruction behind the seating area.

- If traffic passes behind the seated diner, allow at least 36" to edge past.
- If traffic passes behind the seated diner, allow at least 44" to walk past.

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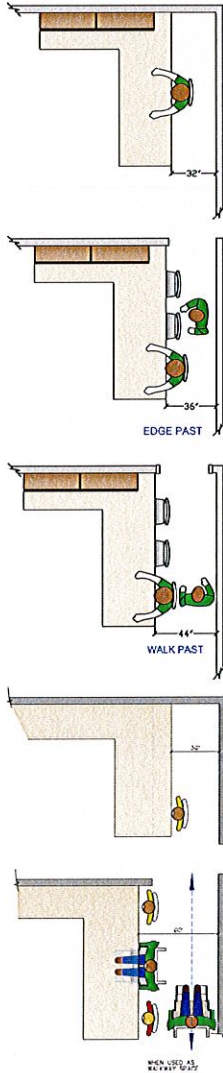
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Access Standard

Recommended:

In a seating area where no traffic passes behind a seated diner, allow 36" of clearance from the counter/table edge to any wall or other obstruction behind the seating area.

If traffic passes behind the seated diner, plan a minimum of 60" to allow passage for a person in a wheelchair.



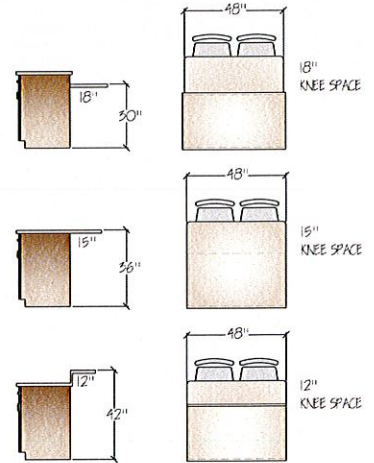
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Seating Clearance

Recommended:

Kitchen seating areas should incorporate at least the following clearances:

- 30" high tables/counters: Allow a 24" wide x 18" deep knee space for each seated diner and at least 18" of clear knee space.
- 36" high counters: Allow a 24" wide x 15" deep knee space for each seated diner and at least 15" of clear knee space.
- 42" high counters: Allow a 24" wide x 12" deep knee space for each seated diner and 12" of clear knee space.



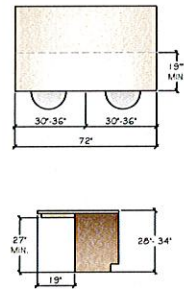
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Access Standard

Recommended:

Kitchen seating areas should be 28" – 34" high x 30" – 36" wide x 19" deep to better accommodate people of various sizes or those using a mobility aid.



Recommended minimum size for a knee space at a table or counter is 36" wide x 27" high x 19" deep.

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